

NEWS FROM THE EIF

The 2009 Easter Island Foundation Scholarships have been awarded! The winners are **JOSE FATI TEPANO** and **TIARE CAROLINA DE LA PUENTE BERNACER**. Jose is presently working on his thesis in legal medicine and wants to continue his graduate studies in criminology at the University Católica de Chile; he eventually hopes to return to the island to work in the field of development, using the tools and knowledge he acquires during his studies. Tiare will be studying at the Universidad del Desarrollo in Concepcion. She is interested in scientific investigation, particularly biology, and hopes to help to solve some of the problems facing the island. We wish both scholarship recipients all the best with their studies this year. For more information about the EIF Scholarship program, point your Web browser at <www.islandheritage.org/scholarships.html>.



Jose Fati Tepano (& Paulino Varas Alfonso)

The EIF is presently working on preparing *The Gotland Papers: Proceedings of the VII International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific* (held in 2007 in Visby, Sweden), for publication. Given the extensive coverage of topics, this is no small task. Look for a publication announcement in the Fall issue of the *Rapa Nui Journal*.

On January 24th, Georgia Lee recently was the featured speaker at the San Luis Obispo County Archaeological Society Annual Meeting. Georgia gave a fascinating presentation about how she became interested in archaeology and how that led to her petroglyph documentation projects on Easter Island and in Hawai'i. The event was well attended and Georgia signed copies of her books *Spirit of Place* and *Rapa Nui, Island of Memory*. And as a result of Georgia's presentation, we now have some new local EIF members!

We are pleased to announce that the revised edition of the *Complete Guide to Easter Island* is now in its 2nd printing. The book continues to be the premier guidebook to Easter Island and the EIF's best seller ever. At the present time there are plans to revise and update the book with a new edition in

2010. We also hope to reprint Georgia Lee's popular *Spirit of Place* later this year. If you are interested in esoteric or out-of-print books about Easter Island and the Pacific, please visit our Website, as we continually receive donations of these items.



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For a complete listing of available publications from the EIF, see: <www.islandheritage.org/eifpubs.html>.

Several out-of-print publications of the World Monuments Fund are now available online, including *Death of a Moai* and *Easter Island, The Heritage and Its Conservation*, both by Elena Charola. To access these publications, go to: <http://wmf.org/archival_pubs.html>. We commend the WMF for providing access to these important publications.

The EIF just received an order from UC Irvine for more than two dozen copies of *Early Visitors Early Visitors to Easter Island*. Professor Leibovitz is planning to use the book in a class on French culture!

The EIF is pleased to announce a generous donation from the Fraternal Order of the Moai, in Ohio, to be used for initiatives that benefit Rapa Nui and its people. The Fraternal Order of Moai is a group interested in *tiki* and Polynesian pop art and culture. There are seven chapters in the U.S. Their mission includes improving communities through charitable acts, and to that end they have designated the EIF as the charity for their national organization. We are quite pleased to be the recipient of their generosity. For more information on the organization and its various chapters, visit their Web site at <<http://www.fraternalorderofmoai.org>>.

Finally, our continued existence is due to our very dedicated members, particularly during these stressful economic times. We thank those of you who have renewed your memberships promptly, our new members, and those who have made additional donations to the EIF, whether monetary or in the form of books. Please know that your contributions and gifts are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about your EIF membership or *Rapa Nui Journal* subscription, please contact us via <books@islandheritage.org>.

